

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Board's Decision of June 17, 2009 affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4. Therefore, claims 1-4 have been cancelled.

The Board's Decision reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 5-6. Claim 5 was previously presented in independent form and should therefore be allowed.

Claims 7-10 were previously indicated allowable by the Examiner. Claim 7 has been presented in independent form above. Therefore, claims 7-10 should be allowed.

The Board's Decision reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 11-12. Claim 11 has been presented in independent form above and should therefore be allowed.

Claims 13 and 14 were previously allowed by the Examiner. Claim 13 is in independent form. Claims 13 and 14 have been retained in the amendment presented above.

The Board's Decision affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claim 15. Therefore, claim 15 has been cancelled.

The Board's Decision reversed the Examiner's rejection of claim 16. Claim 16 has been presented in independent form above and should therefore be allowed.

The Examiner previously indicated that claims 17 and 18 were each allowable. In view of the overlapping subject matter of these claims, claim 17 has been presented in independent form and claim 18 has simply been made dependent upon claim 17. It is believed that making claim 18 dependent upon claim 17 raises no new issues whatsoever. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, please contact the undersigned so that claim 18 can simply be placed in independent form as well.

As is apparent from the foregoing, the amendment presented above adopts the Board's Decision and places this application in condition for allowance.

Entry of this amendment is believed to be in order as is allowance of this application.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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